GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Sri R.Rajendra Prasad, the then MPDO, Chittamuru, SPSR Nellore Dist. (now Retd.) - Committed irregularities during the counting of MPTC/ZPTC Elections 2014 - Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules-1991 -Articles of charges issued - Enquiry conducted - Inquiry Report communicated -Disciplinary action finalized - Imposing of penalty of withholding of 2% pension for a period of one (1) year - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.294 **Dated:02/04/2024.**
Read the following :

1.Letter.No.1455175/CPR&RD/A1/2021,dated:02/09/2021 from the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Guntur.
2. G.O.Ms.No.11, PR&RD (Vig-IV) Department, dated: 31.03.2022.
3. G.O.Rt.No.126, PR&RD (Vig-IV) Department, dated: 31.03.2022.
4.Received Written Statement of defense letter from Sri R. Rajendra Prasad, former MPDO, MPP, Chittamur, SPSR Nellore District dated:30/05/2022.
5.G.O.Rt.No.583, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Deptt., Dt.13.07.2022.
6. From the CPR&RD, A.P., Lr.No.1455715/CPR&RD/A3/2021, Dt.30.11.2022.
7.Memo. No. PRR01-PR0PEST(MISC)/37/2021-VIG-V, Dated:17/09/2023.
8.Explanation of charged ofcer i.e., M Sri R.Rajendra Prasad MPDO, Chittamuru, SPSR Nellore District(and now Retd.) dated 25/10/2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government by the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, AP in the reference first read above that, Sri R. Rajendra Prasad worked as MPDO(now retired), Chittamur committed certain irregularities during the Counting of MPTC/ZPTC Elections 2014. On the said allegations, the then District Collector/District Election Authority MPTC/ZPTC, SPSR Nellore had appointed the then Joint Collector to inquire into the allegations and suspended the individual from service. Later the individual was reinstated. Later on, the individual was retired from service on 31.01.2017.

2. In the reference 2nd and 3rd read above, Government have initiated departmental action by framing the following Articles of charges against Sri R.Rajendra Prasad MPDO, (Retd.) for the irregularities committed by him as Asst. Returning Officer during the time of Counting of MPTC/ZPTC Elections 2014.

Charges

1. Sri R. Rajendra Prasad, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, formerly Mandal Praja Parishad, Chittamur of SPSR Nellore District, presently retired has acted as Assistant Returning Officer to the 4th Ordinary Elections to MPTC/ZPTC2014. During the counting of votes, it was noticed certain irregularities and Smt. Duvvuru Indiramma who was defeated in ZPTC elections gathered outside of the MPDO Office, Chittamur with her supporters and staged a protect on improper counting procedure and declaration of winner of ZPTC.

2. Sri R. Rajendra Prasad, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, formerly Mandal Praja Parishad, Chittamur of SPSR Nellore District, presently retired has not supplied the prescribed formats relating to the counting supervisors and supplied only white papers and obtaining round wise results in white paper from the counting supervisor which is most irregular. Mean while in the white papers, the counting supervisors had given symbol wise counting of votes but not mentioned the names of candidates and Table wise round wise results were not noticed in the records of the MPDO. As per statement of the ARO, the declaration of results was handed over to EO PR&RD which is irregular.

P.T.O.

3. Sri R. Rajendra Prasad, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, formerly Mandal Praja Parishad, Chittamur of SPSR Nellore District, presently retired from service has failed in overall supervisor of counting process being the Assistant Returning Officer for the 4th Ordinary Elections for MPTC/ZPTC-2014 and paved way for confusions and severe irregularities in declaration of results for ZPTC Elections in Chittamur Mandal of SPSR Nellore District.

   Thus, Sri R. Rajendra Prasad, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, formerly Mandal Praja Parishad, Chittamur of SPSR Nellore District, presently retired from Service failed to maintain absolute integrity and devotion to duty and conduct and contravened Rule of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Ruled, 1964.

3. The charged officer has submitted his WSD in the reference 4th read above and as it is not convincing, in the reference 5th read above, Government have appointed Dy. CEO, ZPP, SPSR Nellore District, as EO to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the individual.

4 In the reference 6th read above, the inquiry Officer held that, all the 3 charges farmed against Sri Rajendra Prasad, former MPDO, Chittamur (M), SPSR Nellore (now Retd.,) are held proved.

5. After examination of the matter and the explanation of the charged officer, keeping in view of the findings of the I.A., provisionally decided to impose the penalty of withholding of 2% of pension for a period of one (1) year against Sri Rajendra Prasad, former MPDO, Chittamur (M), SPSR Nellore (now Retd.,) and issued show-cause notice to him on the above proposed penalty vide reference 7th read above. The individual in the reference 8th read above has submitted his representation denying the action.

6. After careful examination and consideration of report of the Inquiry Officer and representation of the individual, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of "withholding of 2% pension for a period of one (1) year under Rule 9 of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 1980, against Sri Rajendra Prasad, former MPDO, Chittamur (M), SPSR Nellore (now Retired from service).

7. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, AP, Tadepalli shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual concerned.
(through Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District with a request to serve the G.O on to the individual & furnish served copy with dated acknowledgement).
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Copy to:
The CEO, ZPP, Chittoor.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building no.5, Velgapudi, Guntur District.
The P.S to Prl., Secy. to Government, PR&RD.
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